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JUNE DINNER MEETING

The 540th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 P.M., in Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland.

This is a dinner meeting celebrating the society's 46th birthday. It is also the annual meeting at which officers for the coming year will be elected.

The banquet will be served in the spacious Vista Room. The surrounding gardens are very beautiful, so arrive early and enjoy a saunter through these attractive grounds with other members and guests.

The program promises to be outstanding. A key lecturer at the National Audubon Western Conference, Dr. Cadet Hand, Professor of Zoology and Director of Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California, will talk on *Our Seashores' Silent Struggle.*

Dinner will be $3.75, tax and tip included. Please make checks payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. A reservation form is included for your convenience in this issue. *Deadline for reservations, Monday, June* 10.

This is an opportunity to become acquainted with new and old members. Save the date! —MYRA BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last message to you as president. I've thoroughly enjoyed these last two years, and I've felt honored at heading this wonderful branch of the National Audubon Society. Many thanks for your support and help; without them, nothing would have been accomplished.

Perhaps it is just as well that my second term is almost over, because I'm noting a trend on the part of our society to bury people—and what is worse, even our own members—before they're dead. On at least four occasions lately, gifts to our ranch project in honor of the spry have been listed in memoriam. Although we are a conservation organization, I wonder if we're not beginning to carry too far our concern over the population explosion.

At its May meeting, the Board of Governors voted to pay for the installation and continuing cost of a second telephone at the National Audubon Society's Conservation Center in Berkeley. This will include listing our local society in the San Francisco telephone book. Mary Jefferds and the others at the Conservation Center have given us so much service, graciously and cheerfully, over the years that we hope the extra telephone will help them, as well as Golden Gate. We greatly appreciate their willingness to let us impose further on their time and good nature. (I heard later in the month, after the phone was in, that the number of calls asking what to feed young orphaned birds had increased.)

It was our luck, over a year ago, that Stan Picher, president of the Marin Audubon Society, invited us to join the Marin branch in saving a remarkable area on Bolinas Lagoon and in establishing there a nature-education center and a wildlife sanctuary. If we had searched through all of time, we could not have found a happier partner.

The big news this month is that Audubon Canyon Ranch won the coveted Garden Clubs of America Founders Award, which includes more than $3000 in cash. The Woodside-Atherton, Piedmont, and Hillsborough Garden Clubs nominated the ranch for the award. Mrs. Peter Talbot of Woodside represented the local clubs at the annual convention in Philadelphia, where there were several hundred delegates from all over the United States. She carried with her a three-panel collage designed by Lawrence Halprin Associates of San Francisco, illustrating the ranch program. We will use the money to restore native plants and to landscape the north canyon, which has been named the Garden Clubs of America Canyon. It's a quiet, pleasant name, well suited to a sanctuary, and I hope it expresses to all of the delegates who voted for us our feeling about this high award.

May was also notable because it was the month the Hillside Gardeners of Montclair, who had pledged one acre, held an outstanding Garden Fair to raise the money. Then on May 21, in a ceremony at the ranch, they gave *two* acres. We're deeply grateful for their generosity.

As I write this, exactly a hundred names of sponsors are listed on the wall of the registration room at the ranch. These are people and organizations that have given or pledged at least an acre ($800). Not all have been able to give so much at once. Most, in fact, after figuring their income and outgo, send us a set amount monthly or quarterly. With the pressures

from various sources for contributions, however, and the general cost of living, I realize that few of you can pledge so large a sum, even spaced over several years. Only you can decide what you can give. But, if you aren't already doing so, perhaps you can send a small amount regularly. A wise man has pointed out that many great mansions have been built with small stones. The important thing, however, is that each of us share in this, our own project, in some way.

If you haven't been out there yet this spring, now is the time to go. The rookery has about 70 active nests in the tops of the redwoods, so be sure to climb to the overlook. While you're watching the herons and egrets, listen for the hermit thrush deep in the canyon. I believe it's the first time it has nested at the ranch. If possible, take the three-mile circle hike after you leave the overlook.

The London clubman may have shudderingly described the country as a damp sort of place where the birds fly about uncooked, but we know that whenever man gives up any part of nature he also gives up part of himself. Our 1100 Golden Gate members can do only the merest piece of the enormous job of conservation. But if we do our piece—and if others do theirs—as E. B. White has said, "Who knows? Solitude may yet outrun the rockets and the ears." —AILEEN PIERSON, *President*

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS WON

Golden Gate Audubon Society entries took the highest number of awards in the nature photography salon at the Audubon Western Conference at Asilomar in April—thanks to Verna Johnston and Warren Larson. Miss Johnston won several of the categories; Mr. Larson won the category on invertebrate life. Against strong competition from societies in all of the western states, Miss Johnston came in second in the grand prize awards with her extraordinary and lovely picture of a black racer snake.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Berkeley, Mrs. Roland W. Davis, Mrs. O. P. Ebeling, Miss Janet S. Pureell; from Oakland, Mrs. H. P. Cantelow; from Redwood City, Mr. George Treichel; from San Francisco, Miss Eleanor Cobb, Mr. William L. Coleman, III, Miss V. Newell Drown, Mr. Frederick M. Fisk, Mr. M. Fleishhaeker, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Alan B. Lakein, Mrs. Richard M. Leonard, Mr. James H. Schwabacher, Mrs. Wm. Ferree Timlow, Mr. Lester E. Wallack; from Eldridge, Dr. Grange Coffin. —VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Membership Chairman*

VERY MUCH ALIVE — CORRECTION

Gifts to the Audubon Canyon Ranch Fund

Honoring	*Gifts of*
Mrs. Rae Lamoreux	Country Club of Washington Township
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(We are happy to announce that the above-named honorees were put into the *In Memoriam* column of the April edition by mistake. ED.)

Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, to Beth Snyder's cabin at Clark Station in the northern Sierra. Elevation 6,200 feet. Also, to marsh area near Marble's Hot Springs in the Sierra Valley east of Yuba Pass. Best route by Highway 40 to Truckee, then by Highway 89 to Sattley; approximately one mile northwest of Sattley, turn left on Highway 49 and cross Yuba Pass. Clark Station Summer Homesite is two miles west of Yuba Pass. The route by way of Highway 49 was badly washed out by the winter rains and is a one-way road from the North Yuba Bridge to Downieville. Best accommodations—Sierra Buttes Inn, Sierra Chalet Motel, Pense Motel, all in Sierra City. Best camping—Chapman Creek Campground one mile west of Clark Station. Meet at Snyder cabin at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Saturday. For Sunday trip to Sierra Valley, meet at cabin at 8:30 a. m. For map write Mrs. Beth Snyder, Clark Station, Sattley, Calif., or contact Field Trip Chairman. Leader, Mrs. Beth Snyder.

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Thursday through Sunday July 4, 5, 6, and 7 to TULE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, Tule Lake, Calif. Views of waterfowl in their nesting activities is the object of this trip. These are phases that are not present in the bay area at the time we see these birds. Nesting islands have been provided around the lake for pelicans, cormorants, geese, ducks and gulls. Nesting waterfowl include Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, Redhead and Ruddy Duck.

Upper Klamath in Oregon will be visited to see the large grebe population found there. Many land birds nest in this region also. It is possible to see Golden and Bald Eagle and falcons here.

For those driving private cars follow route No. 99 to Weed and then route No. 97 to State Line Road just short of the Oregon border. Turn right (east) and follow signs to the town of Tule Lake and to the headquarters of the refuge. Distance is about 380 miles and driving time about 8 hours. Meet at refuge headquarters office at 1 p. m. on Thursday July 4 and 9 a. m. on Friday July 5. On Saturday July 6 meet at the postoffice in Klamath Falls for a tour of upper Klamath Lake.

The S. P. Cascade going to Klamath Falls and the Shasta Daylight going to Oakland offer convenient schedules for this trip. Railroad agents can reserve drive-yourself cars for you at Klamath Falls. Motel and hotel accommodations are available in Klamath Falls and Tule Lake. There are camping facilities on the refuge. Leader to be announced.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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